

Proceeds.

the refunding act; and the money so received shall be applied only to the payment of the bonds bearing interest at a rate of not less than five per centum in the mode prescribed by said act, and he is authorized to prescribe suitable rules and regulations in conformity with this act.

Approved, February 26, 1879.

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CHAP. 103.—An act to amend section twenty-three of the act approved June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act to amend customs-revenue laws and to repeal moieties."

Customs service.
Salaries of naval
officers and survey-
ors.
1874, ch. 391,
18 Stat., 186.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the twenty-third section of an act entitled "An act to amend customs-revenue laws and to repeal moieties", approved the twenty-second day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended, to take effect from that date, as follows: After the words "to the naval officers of the districts of Boston and Charlestown, Massachusetts; and San Francisco, California; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania," insert the words "and Baltimore, Maryland; and New Orleans, Louisiana"; and after the words "to the surveyors of the ports of Boston, Massachusetts, and San Francisco, California, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, each five thousand dollars," insert the words "*Provided*, the surveyors at Portland, Maine, and Baltimore, Maryland, shall each receive the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars, and the surveyor at New Orleans, Louisiana, shall receive the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars;"

Approved, February 26, 1879.

Feb. 26, 1879.

CHAP. 104.—An act relating to the Cumberland Road in the State of Ohio, and to authorize the same to become a free road.

National Road.
Donated to coun-
ties in Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the United States shall be, and is hereby, given to an act of the general assembly of the State of Ohio, passed April sixth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act to authorize the commissioners of the several counties in that State through which the National (Cumberland) Road passes to take under their care and control so much of said road as lies within the limits of such counties respectively"; and also to an act passed March twenty-second, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to amend section three of said last named act, granting authority to said commissioners to make certain parts of said road a free road.

May be made a
free road.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. That the consent of the United States is hereby granted to the State of Ohio to authorize any portion of the Cumberland Road lying east of Springfield, Ohio, and in said State, to become, or to be declared, a free road: *Provided*, That this consent shall have no effect in respect of creating or recognizing any duty or liability whatever on the part of the United States.

Approved, February 26, 1879.

Feb. 26, 1879.

CHAP. 105.—An act to promote a knowledge of steam-engineering and iron-ship building among the students of scientific schools or colleges in the United States.

Naval engineers.
May be assigned
as professors in
scientific schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of promoting a knowledge of steam-engineering and iron-ship building among the young men of the United States, the President may, upon the application of an established scientific school or college within the United States, detail an officer from the Engineer Corps of the Navy as professor

in such school or college: *Provided*, That the number of officers so detailed shall not at any time exceed twenty-five, and such details shall be governed by rules to be prescribed from time to time by the President: *And provided further*, That such details may be withheld or withdrawn whenever, in the judgment of the President, the interests of the public service shall so require.

Proviso.

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Approved, February 26, 1879.

CHAP. 106.—An act to amend an act entitled “An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes”, approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Feb. 26, 1879.

1878, ch. 359,
Ante, 207.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled “An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes”, approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to the clause of said act relating to the binding of books for the departments of the government, after the words “Congressional Library”, the following words: “nor to the Library of the Patent Office”, nor to the Library of the Department of State.

Public binding.
Rule as to, not to apply to Libraries of Patent Office and State Department.

Approved, February 26, 1879.

CHAP. 109.—An act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to accept for the purposes of a voyage of exploration by way of Behring's Straits, the ship *Jeannette*, tendered by James Gordon Bennett for that purpose.

Feb. 27, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept and take charge of, for the use of a North Polar Expedition by way of Behring's straits, the ship *Jeannette*, owned by James Gordon Bennett, and by him devoted to this purpose; that he may use, in fitting her for her voyage of exploration, any material he may have on hand proper for the purposes of an Arctic voyage; and that he is further authorized to enlist the necessary crew for the said vessel for “special service”, their pay to be temporarily met from the pay of the Navy, and to be paid or refunded by James Gordon Bennett to the Navy Department under the order of the Secretary of the Navy and as he may require; the vessel to proceed on her voyage of exploration under the orders and instructions of the Navy Department; that the men so “specially enlisted” as above shall be subject in all respects to the Articles of War and Navy Regulations and discipline; and that all parts of the act approved March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, inconsistent with the above, be, and they are hereby, repealed: *Provided*, That the government of the United States shall not be held liable for any expenditure incurred or to be incurred on account of said exploration.

Polar Expedition.

Ship *Jeannette* accepted for service.

Enlistment and pay of men.

Subject to Articles of War.

1878, ch. 38,
Ante, 31.

Proviso.

Approved, February 27, 1879.

CHAP. 110.—An act to provide for the settlement of tax-lien certificates erroneously issued by the late authorities of the District of Columbia.

Feb. 27, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to settle and pay to the holders of certain tax-lien certificates purporting to have been issued pursuant to an act of the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, which the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may deter-

District of Columbia.

Erroneous tax-lien certificates.